

**CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. A marked-up version of the claims is included in the Remarks Section.

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-4 are canceled without prejudice to the subject matter therein.

Claims 5, 6, 9 and 10 are currently amended.

Claims 7, 8, 11, 12 and 13 are added.

1. (Canceled) Claims 1-4.

5. (Currently amended) In combination:

an automotive lift system lifting arm having a substantially rectangular or square end; a cushioning apparatus connected to the substantially rectangular or square end of the lifting arm, said cushioning apparatus comprising:

a solid body of resilient material having a plurality of exterior surfaces and a front section, two adjacent side sections substantially perpendicular to the front section, and a bottom section substantially perpendicular to the side sections and the front section.

6. (Currently amended) A combination according to claim 5 wherein the cushioning apparatus contains indicia disposed on at least one exterior surface.

7. (New) The combination of claim 6 wherein said solid body of resilient material is comprised of at least one member selected from the group consisting of expanded foam, rubber, extruded foam rubber, sponge foam, polyurethane foam, integral skin foams, rigid closed cell, integral flexible open cell, expanded polystyrene and compression-molded, closed cell cross-linked polyethylene.

8. (New) The combination of claim 7 wherein said solid body of resilient material is comprised of at least one member selected from the group consisting of expanded foam, rubber, extruded foam rubber, sponge foam, polyurethane foam, integral skin foams, rigid closed cell, integral flexible open cell, expanded polystyrene and compression-molded, closed cell cross-linked polyethylene.

9. (Currently amended) In combination:

an automotive lift system lifting arm having a substantially cylindrical, circular or semi-circular end;

a cushioning apparatus connected to the substantially cylindrical, circular or semi-circular end of the lifting arm, said cushioning apparatus comprising:

    a solid body of resilient material having a semi-cylindrical or semi-circular shape,  
    and

    at least one concave attachment surface for affixing said cushioning apparatus to  
    the cylindrical, circular or semi-circular end of an automotive lift system lifting  
    arm.

10. (Currently amended) A combination according to claim 9 wherein the cushioning apparatus contains indicia disposed on an exterior surface.

11. (New) The combination of claim 9 wherein said solid body of resilient material is comprised of at least one member selected from the group consisting of expanded foam, rubber, extruded foam rubber, sponge foam, polyurethane foam, integral skin foams, rigid closed cell, integral flexible open cell, expanded polystyrene and compression-molded, closed cell cross-linked polyethylene.

12. (New) The combination of claim 6 wherein said solid body of resilient material is comprised of at least one member selected from the group consisting of expanded foam, rubber, extruded foam rubber, sponge foam, polyurethane foam, integral skin foams, rigid closed cell, integral flexible open cell, expanded polystyrene and compression-molded, closed cell cross-linked polyethylene.

13. (New) In combination:

a vehicle lift system lifting arm having a proximal and distal end;  
a cushioning apparatus connected to and enveloping the distal end of the lifting arm,  
said cushioning apparatus comprising:

a solid body of resilient material further comprising a plurality of exterior surfaces  
and a plurality of interior surfaces, wherein at least one interior surface is in contact  
with a surface of said distal end of the lifting arm.